

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated November 12, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 8, 11-13, and 15-17 are rejected by the Examiner. With this response, claim 8 has been amended and claims 11-13 and 15-17 are cancelled; with claims 9, 10 and 14 previously canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claim 8 is currently pending, of which claims 1-7 are withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 8, 11-13, and 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 8, 11-12, and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0013920 to Hashimoto et al (hereinafter "Hashimoto '920") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,277,333 to Shimano (hereinafter "Shimano"). Claims 13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto '920 in view of Shimano, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0020845 to Lee et al. (hereinafter "Lee") and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0083203 to Hashimoto et al (hereinafter "Hashimoto '203"). Claims 13 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto '920 in view of Shimano, and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0008794 to Song et al. (hereinafter "Song") and Hashimoto '203.

The rejection of claims 8, 11-13, and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Since Applicants have amended independent claim 8, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is traversed.

The rejection of claims 8, 11-12, and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto '920 in view Shimano is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 8 is allowable at least in that this claim recites a combination of elements, including, for example, "loading a first substrate and a second substrate having a plurality of panel regions on a table", "providing a dispenser having a syringe", "repeatedly dispensing the liquid crystal material using the syringe filled with the liquid crystal material onto a plurality of

panel regions of the first substrate or the second substrate by supplying intermediate flow amounts of gas to the syringe and moving the table on which the first substrate or the second substrate is loaded”, “attaching the first substrate and the second substrate” and “spreading the liquid crystal material on the panel regions between the attached first and second substrates.” None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8 is allowable over the cited references.

Since the rejected claims 11-12 and 15-16 are cancelled, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 11-12 and 15-16.

The rejection of claims 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto '920 in view of Shimano, and further in view of Lee and Hashimoto '203 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. The rejection of claims 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto '920 in view of Shimano, and further in view of Song and Hashimoto '203 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Since the rejected claims 13 and 17 are cancelled, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 13 and 17.

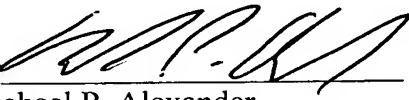
Applicants believe the above amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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